## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A protective instrument cover, comprising:

a front portion that extends over substantially an entire front surface of an instrument body; and

means for attaching the front portion to the front surface of the instrument body without requiring removal of hardware of the instrument body.

- 2. The protective instrument cover of claim 1, wherein the front portion comprises stretchable material.
- 3. The protective instrument cover of claim 2, wherein the stretchable material comprises neoprene.
- 4. The protective instrument cover of claim 2, wherein the stretchable material comprises spandex.
- 5. The protective instrument cover of claim 2, wherein the stretchable material comprises latex.
- 6. The protective instrument cover of claim 1, wherein the instrument is a stringed instrument
- 7. The protective instrument cover of claim 6, wherein the stringed instrument is a guitar.
- 8. The protective instrument cover of claim 1, wherein the means for attaching comprises at least one zipper.
- 9. The protective instrument cover of claim 1, wherein the front portion covers substantially the entire front surface of the instrument body.
  - 10. A protective instrument cover, comprising:
- a front portion that extends over substantially an entire front surface of an instrument body, the front portion being made of stretchable material; and
- a fastener that attaches the front portion of the cover to the front surface of the instrument body.
- 11. The protective instrument cover of claim 10, wherein the stretchable material comprises neoprene.
- 12. The protective instrument cover of claim 10, wherein the stretchable material comprises spandex.
- 13. The protective instrument cover of claim 10, wherein the stretchable material comprises latex.

- 14. The protective instrument cover of claim 10, wherein the instrument is a stringed instrument.
- 15. The protective instrument cover of claim 14, wherein the stringed instrument is a guitar.
- 16. The protective instrument cover of claim 10, wherein the fastener comprises at least one zipper.
- 17. The protective instrument cover of claim 10, wherein the front portion covers substantially the entire front surface of the instrument body.
  - 18. A protective instrument cover, comprising:

a front portion that extends over substantially an entire front surface of an instrument body;

a back portion that covers at least part of a back surface of the instrument body;

a side portion connecting the front portion and the back portion; and means for attaching the front portion, back portion and side portion to the instrument body without requiring removal of hardware of the instrument body.